

**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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December 28, 2004

**Notice to File Report  
Regarding Pierce's Disease Assessments Paid During  
the 2004 Season (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)  
Report due by January 28, 2005**

TO ALL WINERIES AND WINEGRAPE PROCESSORS:

Section 6047.21(a) of the Food and Agricultural Code mandates the Department to establish a list of those growers eligible to vote on the referendum to decide whether to continue the assessment paid to support research and other activities against Pierce's disease and the glassy-winged sharpshooter. The first step in this process is for the Department to establish an up-to-date list of those persons who paid the assessment on grapes crushed in the 2004 season. Once this list is established, all eligible voters will be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not the assessment should continue.

The Department needs the cooperation and assistance of all wineries and winegrape processors in order to establish an accurate voter list. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6047.21(c) of the Food and Agricultural Code, notice is hereby given to wineries and winegrape processors to file with the Department, no later than January 28, 2005, the following information relating to the payment of Pierce's disease assessments:

- Name, employer identification number (EIN; if available), address, telephone number, and respective Pierce's disease assessment paid for each grower from whom your firm received winegrapes during the 2004 season.

***If your firm is also a grower, please remember to include this information for your firm on the form.***

Section 6047.13 of the Food and Agricultural Code addresses the confidentiality of the grower information submitted by wineries and winegrape processors. Please contact this office if you would like more information on the issue of confidentiality.

We have enclosed a report form for your completion. You need to fill in blanks on the front page of the form and then provide the producer information requested on the reverse side of the form. You may also provide the producer information using any of the following methods:

- Using your own forms or computer printouts. **OR**
- Using the Excel report form available for download at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt/winery.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt/winery.html). (Please call 916-341-6005 if you prefer to request a disk containing the report form.) **OR**
- Submitting the information in ASCII comma-delimited format.

Please consult our office if you have questions regarding reporting electronically.

***We recommend that you have a copy of your completed "Assessments, Report #1" (found in your 2004 Grape Crush packet) in hand when filling out this report.***

All reports must be mailed to: California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Marketing Branch  
1220 N Street  
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Your cooperation in submitting the information requested will be greatly appreciated. If you do not respond to this request, it is possible that winegrape growers who sell to your firm will not be afforded the opportunity to vote in the upcoming Pierce's disease assessment continuation referendum.

If you have any questions about this Notice to File or ***if your entity is a cooperative***, please call me or Kathy Díaz at this office.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Morgan, Branch Chief  
Marketing Branch

Enclosure